involved a separate licence fee viz. US $ 0.8 million for Phase I, US $ 2.0 million for Phase II and US $ 5.1 million for Phase III. HAL has paid the Phase I licence fee to Gerneral Electric, USA. The licence agreement has been extended for a further ten year period, i.e. upto 6.11.2006.

Filling up of Group 'C' and 'D' Posts in Ordnance Depots

*293. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the according to the latest Government policy, all Group 'C' and 'D' vacancies reserved for SC and ST catregories under the special drive should have been filled up before 31st March, 1992;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some vacancies reserved for SC and ST under the Special Drive for Group 'D' posts in Ordnance Depots, Delhi are still banned and the clearance of Ministry of Finance is still awaited thereof;

(c) what are the circumstances under which the Ministry of Finance did not clear the said vacancies; and

(d) what are the details of the action being contemplated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Finance had sought certain information, which has since been furnished to them.

Pending Cases for Freedom Fighters' Pension from Maharashtra

*294. DR. SHRIKANTI RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2952 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th August, 1992 and state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken on the 9 cases of freedom fighters' pension from Maharashtra pending since 9th June, 1992; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) if no decision has been taken, what are the reasons for delay; and

(c) what is the number of fresh more cases after 9th June, 1992 which have been received from Maharashtra and what is their fate?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Out of 9 cases, pension has already been sanctioned in four cases. Two cases have been rejected and clarification have been sought from the State Government of Maharashtra in the remaining three cases.

(c) Three fresh cases have been received from the State Government during the period from August to October, 1992. These are being examined in accordance with the provisions of the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme.

Facilities for Freedom Fighters

*295. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the facilities provided at present to the freedom fighters;

(b) whether Government propose to give some more facilities to freedom figthers such as free medical aid and free state transport; and

(c) whether Government propose to take up the matter with State